

04-03-06

TPW

EXPRESS MAIL No.: **EL 963 991 641 US** Deposited: **March 31, 2006**  
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service Express Mail under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

*Ruth Montalvo* / Ruth Montalvo Date: 03/31/06

Customer No. **026418**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Docket No. **GK-EIS-1077 / 500593.20069**

Applicant(s): **Raimund STAAT**

Application No.: **10/821,905**

Examiner: **Sinh N. TRAN**

Filed: **April 9, 2004**

Group: **2615**

For: **MICROPHONE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

SIR:

Applicant herewith submits this Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and hereby makes of record the following references corresponding to the parallel French Patent Application No. 04 03 804:

	Document Number	Date	Name and/or Country	English Translation and/or Equivalents
<b>AA</b>	<b>4,281,222</b>	<b>07/28/1981</b>	<b>Nakagawa, et al.</b>	
<b>AL</b>	<b>07-212888</b>	<b>08/11/1995</b>	<b>Japan</b>	<b>Abstract only</b>

Accompanying this Information Disclosure Statement and form PTO-1449 are copies of the documents including an English Abstract.

The USPTO waived the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(i) for submitting copies of US patents and US patent application publications in all U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003. First page of U.S. document only.

This submission is not an admission that the information disclosed in the documents is material to the patentability of the invention disclosed and/or claimed in the above-identified application.

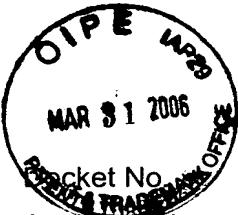
*Gerald H. Kiel*  
Respectfully submitted,

*Gerald H. Kiel*  
Gerald H. Kiel - Reg. No. 25,116  
Reed Smith LLP  
599 Lexington Avenue  
New York, NY 10152

GHK:ram  
03/31/06  
Tel. (212) 521-5400  
Enclosures:

PTO-1449  
1<sup>st</sup> page of U.S. document  
JP document w/English Abstract

**LIST OF PRIOR ART CITED BY APPLICANT**  
**(Filed on March 31, 2006)**



GK-EIS-1077 / 500593.20069

Applicant(s): Raimund STAAT

Application No. 10/821,905

Examiner: Sinh N. TRAN

Filed: April 9, 2004

Group: 2643

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Exam. Init		Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Sub- Class	Filing Date Appropriate
	AA						
	AB						
	AC						
	AD						
	AE						
	AF						
	AG						
	AH						
	AI						
	AJ						
	AK						

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

		Document Number	Date	Country	CLASS	Sub- Class	Translation YES	NO
	AL	WO 00/27165	05/11/2000	WIPO				
	AM	WO 00/49788	08/24/2000	WIPO			Abstract only	
	AN	WO 00/49789	08/24/2000	WIPO			Abstract only	
	AO	2002-135880	05/10/2002	Japan			Abstract only	
	AP							
	AQ							
	AR							

**OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**

AX	
AY	
AZ	

Examiner:

Date:

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.